GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:297
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
BURNING OF DRY LEAVES
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite Hon`ble Supreme Court`s ban on burning of dry leaves, hundreds of tons of dry leaves are being burnt every day by the safai karamcharis all over the country;

(b) if so, whether efforts are being made by the Government to identify such polluting incidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action against those State Governments / institutions where such incidents take place;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check such polluting incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 297 T ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 22ND DECEMBER 2003 REGARDING BURNING OF DRY LEAVES BY SHRI A CHOWDHURY, M.P.

(a) The Government is not aware of any order of the Hon`ble Supreme Court regarding the ban on burning of dry leaves. However, burning of dry leaves and garbage wastes has been prohibited under Schedule II of the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 2000, notified vide S.O No. 908 (E) dated 25th September 2000. (MSW Rules, 2000)

(b) to (f) Under the MSW Rules 2000,specific responsibilities have been assigned to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations as well as to the local administration and municipal authorities for effective management of the municipal solid wastes. Detailed criteria and procedures have been laid down for the purpose. Further, State Governments have been advised to take necessary steps including awareness campaigns on this issue. Delhi Government has specifically notified administrative orders to ban the burning of biomass waste and have launched special drive to ensure the implementation of the orders on burning of dry leaves.